ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

INS A 26/ A photosensitive printing plate supplying apparatus for supplying a photosensitive printing plate to an automatic plate making machine for a photosensitive printing plate is disclosed. This photosensitive printing plate supplying apparatus: includes a printing plate packaging device which accommodates a bundle of photosensitive printing plates; a printing plate accommodating portion to which the printing plate packaging device is removably attached and which can completely shield light from the exterior; and a taking-out/conveying device which takes out the photosensitive printing plates from an interior of the printing plate packaging device in the light-shielded accommodation portion and conveys the photosensitive printing plates to a predetermined position. When the printing plate packaging means has an opening/closing lid, the photosensitive printing plate supplying apparatus may further include a lid opening/closing device. In this case, the lid opening/closing device operates in an interlocking manner with the taking-out/conveying device. The opening/closing lid of a take-out port of the printing plate packaging device is opened when taking-out operation by the taking-out/conveying device is started, and is closed when the taking-out operation is completed. Moreover, a jutting-out portion may be provided in the printing plate packaging device such that the jutting-out portion juts out of the printing plate supplying apparatus when the printing plate packaging device is loaded into the

photosensitive printing plate supplying apparatus in the lightshielded state. In this case, the photosensitive printing plate is exposed within the supplying apparatus by pulling the jutting-out portion and then can be taken out.